

**Council on Postsecondary Education
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Host Institution for Center for Mathematics

In March 2005, Governor Fletcher signed into law House Bill 93, which charged the Council on Postsecondary Education to select a host institution from among the Commonwealth's eight public universities for the Center for Mathematics. The center calls for improving student achievement in mathematics at all levels of schooling in Kentucky, primarily through making "available professional development for teachers in reliable, research-based diagnostic assessment and intervention strategies, coaching and mentoring models, and other programs in mathematics." Coherent, high-quality professional development for educators and school leaders has been identified as a priority by Governor Fletcher's Educator Work Group.

House Bill 93 defines the objectives for the center, and the activities that the center must engage in to achieve those objectives have been defined by the legislation, the Committee for Mathematics Achievement, and the Council. The center must: (1) maintain a broad and comprehensive focus on mathematics education and educators, ranging from early childhood to adult education; and (2) build on national and international standards for high-quality mathematics education (e.g., those defined by the American Diploma Project and the National Council of Teachers of Mathematics) to ensure that Kentucky's students are prepared for postsecondary education, the skilled workplace, and the global economy.

The selection of the center is an important component of the public agenda's mandate to prepare all students for their next level of education. The center will be part of an integrated and coordinated system of education, preschool through postsecondary and beyond.

The request for proposals was developed with input from the Committee for Mathematics Achievement and the Commissioner of Education and was posted on October 20, 2005. The deadline for submissions of proposals is December 1, 2005, with a selection to be made by January 1, 2006. A report on the selection will be presented to the Council at its January 2006 meeting.